

House File 646, Sec. 55, amends House File 45, section 8:

***House File 45 - Sec. 8. SALE OR LEASE OF IOWA
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.***

*The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission shall implement a request for proposals process to sell or lease the Iowa communications network. The request for proposals shall provide for the sale to be concluded or the lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2011~~ **2012**. The commission shall condition the sale or lease of the Iowa communications network with terms that will allow existing authorized users of the network to continue such use at a lower overall long-term cost when compared to the anticipated operation and maintenance costs if state ownership and control were to continue. Public funds shall not be used to secure the purchase of the network. The commission shall submit periodic status reports to the general assembly at three-month intervals, beginning on October 1, 2011, regarding progress made toward selling or leasing the network. The prior authorization and approval requirements specified in section 8D.12 shall be complied with prior to a sale or lease of the network pursuant to this section.*